

BREAUX ACT
COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT
TASK FORCE MEETING

AGENDA

June 4, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Location:

Estuarine Fisheries and Habitat Center
Conference Room 119
646 Cajundome Blvd.
Lafayette, Louisiana

Documentation of Task Force meetings may be found at:
http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/pd/cwppra_mission.htm

<u>Tab Number</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>
1.	Meeting Initiation 9:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m. <ol style="list-style-type: none">Introduction of Task Force Members or AlternatesOpening remarks of Task Force Members
2.	Discussion/Decision/Vote: Adoption of Minutes from the February 13, 2008 Task Force Meeting (Tom Holden, USACE) 9:40 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Mr. Tom Holden will present the minutes from the last Task Force meeting. Task Force members may provide suggestions for additional information to be included in the official minutes.
3.	Report: Status of Breaux Act Program Funds and Projects (Melanie Goodman, USACE/ Gay Browning, USACE) 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Ms. Melanie Goodman and Ms. Gay Browning will provide an overview of the status of CWPPRA accounts and available funding in the Planning and Construction Programs.
4.	Report: NOAA Fisheries and LDNR Request for Task Force Fax Vote to Increase the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Budget for the PPL 3 - Lake Chapeau Hydrologic Restoration and Marsh Creation Project (TE-26) (Tom Holden, USACE/Rick Hartman, NOAA) 10:00 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. The Technical Committee voted by email to recommend Task Force approval of a budget increase request by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries and La Department of Natural Resources (LDNR). The Task Force approved the Technical Committee's recommendation to approve the requested change by Fax vote, which includes increasing the O&M budget for the PPL 3 - Lake Chapeau Hydrologic Restoration and Marsh Creation Project (TE-26) by \$326,764 to repair breaches to a hydrologic structure that resulted from hurricane damage.
5.	Report: NOAA Fisheries and LDNR Request for Task Force Fax Vote to Increase Construction Budget on PPL 11 – Pass Chaland to Grand Bayou Pass Project (BA-35) (Tom Holden, USACE/Rick Hartman, NOAA) 10:05 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. The Technical Committee voted at their 16 April 2008 meeting to recommend Task Force approval of a Phase II, Increment I funding request by NOAA Fisheries and LDNR. The Task Force approved the Technical Committee's recommendation to approve the requested change by fax vote, which includes increasing the PPL 11 – Pass Chaland to Grand Bayou Pass Project (BA-35) by \$7,462,596 for construction bid overruns.

- 6. Decision/Vote: USFWS and LDNR Request for Deauthorization of the Grand Bayou Hydrologic Restoration Project (TE-10) (Tom Holden, USACE) 10:10 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.** The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and LDNR request to begin the deauthorization process for the PPL 5 - Grand Bayou Hydrologic Restoration project, in accordance with CWPPRA Standard Operating Procedures. Recent hydrologic modeling results predict that the project would cause salinity increases in the project area relative to no action. The Technical Committee recommends that the Task Force initiate deauthorization procedures on the Grand Bayou Hydrologic Restoration project, as requested by USFWS and LDNR.
- 7. Report: Report of the Technical Committee's Selection of Ten Priority Project List (PPL) 18 Candidate Projects and Three PPL 18 Candidate Demonstration Projects (Tom Holden, USACE) 10:20 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.** At the 16 April 2008 Technical Committee meeting, the Technical Committee selected 10 projects and 3 demonstration projects as PPL 18 candidates for Phase 0 analysis, as listed below:

Region	Basin	Project Candidates
1	Pontchartrain	Bayou Bienvenue Restoration Project
2	Mississippi River Delta	Pass a Loutre Restoration Project
2	Breton Sound	Bertrandville Siphon Project
2	Barataria	Elmer's Island Headland Restoration Project
2	Barataria	Grand Liard marsh and Ridge Restoration Project
3	Terrebonne	Terrebonne Bay Shoreline Protection/Marsh Creation Project
3	Terrebonne	Central Terrebonne Freshwater Enhancement Project
3	Teche-Vermilion	Northwest Vermilion Bay Vegetative Planting and Maintenance Project
4	Calcasieu-Sabine	Cameron-Creole Freshwater Introduction Project
4	Mermentau	Freshwater Bayou Marsh Creation Project

Demonstration Project Candidates		
Coastwide	DEMO	EcoSystems Wave Attenuator Demo Project
Coastwide	DEMO	Benefits of Limited Design/Unconfined Beach Fill for Restoration of Louisiana Barrier Islands Demo Project
Coastwide	DEMO	Non-Rock Alternatives to Shoreline Protection Demo Project

- 8. Decision/Vote: NRCS/LDNR Request for Approval to Change Project Scope and Begin Construction of the PPL 6 - Penchant Basin Natural Resources Plan, Increment 1 (TE-34) (Tom Holden, USACE/Britt Paul, NRCS) 10:40 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.** The Technical Committee recommends Task Force approval of a request by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and LDNR to: a) change the project scope and b) begin construction of the PPL 6 - Penchant Basin Natural Resources Plan, Increment 1 (TE-34) project.
- a. Project Scope Change Request:** The project is approved at the 125% limit (\$17,628,814) and no additional funds are being requested at this time. The project scope change consists of elimination of project features and reduction in project benefits. The overall project changes are outlined as the following cost and benefit changes:

	Before Scope Change	After Scope Change	Percent Change
125% Fully Funded Cost	\$17,628,814	\$17,628,814	0%
Net Acres @ Year 20	1,155	675	-42%
Net AAHUs	1,204	1,047	-13%
Cost/Acre	\$15,263	\$26,117	+71%
Average Annual Cost/AAHU	\$1,292	\$1,486	+15%

- b. Construction Approval Request:** Advertisement for project construction contract scheduled to begin August 2008.

9. **Discussion: Initial Discussion of FY09 Planning Budget Development (Process, Size, Funding, etc.) (Melanie Goodman, USACE) 10:50 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** The FY09 Planning Program Budget development will be initiated, including a discussion on the PPL 19 Process.
10. **Discussion/Decision/Vote: Status of Unconstructed Projects (Melanie Goodman, USACE) 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** The P&E Subcommittee will report on the status of unconstructed CWPPRA projects that have been experiencing project delays. Discussions will include the status on milestones and Technical Committee recommendations to deauthorize or transfer the below listed projects:
- **Projects Recommended for Deauthorization:**
 1. Periodic Introduction of Sediment & Nutrients at Selected Diversion Sites Demo
 - **Projects to Transfer to the Louisiana Coastal Impact Assistance Program:**
 2. East Grand Terre Island Restoration
 3. Rockefeller Refuge Gulf Shoreline Stabilization (Demo Sections)
 - **Projects to Transfer to the Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) Program:**
 4. Delta Building Diversion at Myrtle Grove
11. **Report: Status of FEMA Claims (Melanie Goodman, USACE/David Burkholder, LADNR) 11:30 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.** The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR) will provide a status on FEMA claims for damages to CWPPRA projects caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
12. **Report: Briefing on Effort Regarding USACE and La Department of Natural Resources Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Initiatives (Corey Lawton, USACE/Bren Haas, LADNR) 11:40 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.**
13. **Report: Public Outreach Committee Report (Dave Marks, USGS) 11:50 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.** Mr. Marks will present the quarterly Public Outreach Committee report.
14. **Additional Agenda Items (Col. Al Lee, USACE) 11:55 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**
15. **Request for Public Comments (Col. Al Lee, USACE) 12:00 p.m. to 12:05 p.m.**
16. **Announcement: Date of Upcoming CWPPRA Program Meeting (Melanie Goodman, USACE) 12:05 p.m. to 12:10 p.m.** The Technical Committee meeting will be held September 10, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Louisiana Room, 2000 Quail Dr., Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
17. **Announcement: Scheduled Dates of Future Program Meetings (Melanie Goodman, USACE) 12:10 p.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

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September 10, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	Baton Rouge
October 15, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	Baton Rouge
November 18, 2008	7:00 p.m.	PPL 18 Public Meeting	Abbeville
November 19, 2008	7:00 p.m.	PPL 18 Public Meeting	New Orleans
December 3, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	New Orleans

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January 21, 2009	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	New Orleans
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18. **Decision: Adjourn**